



## **Center for Community Preparedness - Planning**

The DHH OPH Center for Community Preparedness (CCP) serves as the driving force that efficiently carries out the roles and responsibilities of Emergency Support Function (ESF) - 8. ESF-8 is responsible for providing leadership for planning, directing and coordinating the overall State efforts to provide public health and medical services. The Emergency Preparedness Planning Section within the Center for Community Preparedness is the home of the agency's 35+ emergency plans. The Center has a strong core public health philosophy that allows – assessment, policy development and assurance – guide the emergency planning process.

A basic premise of testing plans is exercising and training. The Planning Section views planning as an ongoing continuous cycle of planning, training, exercising and plan revision that takes place throughout the phases of emergency management – preparedness, prevention, response, recovery and mitigation. The section works across programs within the agency to develop and implement trainings and exercises focused on ESF-8 operational plans. The Planning Section also spearheads the development of the agency's emergency preparedness plans and their subsequent alignment to ensure cohesiveness during a response. The Section further supports grant applications /submissions, policy development and the legislative process as it relates to emergency preparedness and response. During activation, the Planning Section oversees the documentation and planning process for the Department of Health and Hospitals – Emergency Operations Center (EOC) by keeping leadership aware of timelines, plans, and next steps. The Planning Section works across EOC sections to forecast critical activities for current and further operational periods.

The funding provided to support this section is used to sustain lives that would have otherwise been lost due to public health emergencies. Funding further supports planning, training and exercises that allow the state to implement ESF-8 operations. A decrease in funding will impede the State from reaching training and exercise benchmarks as mandated by federal counterparts and that are tied to funding.

### **Objectives**

1. Assist the agency in emergency preparedness plans development and the subsequent alignment of agency plans.
2. Provide emergency preparedness trainings and exercises for agency staff, volunteers, and stakeholders that are consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program.

3. Provide documentation and monitoring of ongoing Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) submitted as a result of exercises and real-life events to ensure the state's continued efficiency during a response/activation.
4. Ensure ongoing plan maintenance and revision as deemed necessary from information gathered from real-life events and exercises.
5. Provide for the overall collection, evaluation and dissemination of all operational information concerning the incident in order to understand the current situation, predict incident course, and to assist in the preparation of response objectives and strategies during emergency activation.

### **Performance Indicators**

1. The number of agency plans developed, reviewed and updated.
2. The number of emergency preparedness trainings and exercises conducted.
3. The number of items identified and completed as a part of Corrective Action Plans (CAPs).
4. The number of agency staff, volunteers and stakeholders participating in emergency preparedness training.

### **Narrative**

The Planning Section within the Center for Community Preparedness utilizes a building block approach in the development of emergency preparedness plans. The Center receives mandates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement. Plans are developed, trained and later exercised to develop corrective actions/improvements. This process drives plan revision and future development. Utilizing the National Response Framework (NRF), as the basic foundation, the Section routinely seeks out opportunities to train and test on the agency's 35+ emergency preparedness plans that range from Medical Specials Needs Shelters to Points of Dispensing (POD) Plans. The National Response Framework (NRF) is an all-discipline, all-hazard plan for the management of domestic incidents.

Training are conducted to enhance the capabilities of DHH employees, state and local partners, tribal government officials, volunteer organizations, and the public and private sectors to minimize the impact of disasters on Louisiana citizens. The state also focuses planning toward select priorities/goals set by the Centers for Disease Control, Department of Health Human Services Hospital Preparedness Program and emergency response activities. The Section participates in the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), yearly training and exercise planning workshop to better coordinate and leverage trainings across agencies.

The execution of drills and exercises is required for all planning initiatives funded through the Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement and other entities providing funding. All exercises are carried out in accordance with the Homeland Security and

Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) procedures. The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) is a capabilities and performance-based exercise program which provides a standardized policy, methodology, and terminology for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning. The State has developed train-the-trainer courses to ensure that a host of emergency management staff are competent in HSEEP. Exercises are conducted with partners at the federal, state, and local levels including hospitals, parish emergency planners, emergency support function entities, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, volunteer organizations, and other specific decision-making and emergency response activities that would occur during an emergency event.

## **Better Health**

This activity advances the state's outcome goal by ensuring the development of emergency preparedness plans that give rise to successful training and exercise programs. Success is contingent upon all sections throughout the Department of Health and Hospitals – Office of Public Health becoming well versed in emergency plan execution. All aspects of the process – planning, training, and exercising -- must be integrated into all program's preparedness efforts. Evaluation and improvement efforts should also be built into planning, training, and exercising efforts to assure sustainability. Exercises and trainings are chosen based on plans, previous exercises, real-world events, and staff input. Funding to support this program is provided through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement.

The activities of the Planning Section are mandated by several state and federal requirements. These include:

- CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement
- Department of Health and Human Services – Hospital Preparedness Program Grant
- Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) – 21, Public Health and Medical Preparedness
- Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA)
- Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, R.S. 29:760
- Louisiana Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) 2009 update
- HSPD-5, Management of Domestic Incidents
- HSPD-8, National Preparedness

## **Evidence:**

### **Trust for America's Health Report: Ready or Not?**

Link: <http://healthyamericans.org/reports/bioterror08/>

- 2006: 6 out of 10
- 2007: 8 out of 10
- 2008: 10 out of 10

## **National Report Card on State Emergency Management**

Link: <http://www.emreportcard.org/Louisiana.aspx>

- 2008: Disaster Preparedness: A

#### **Strategic National Stockpile Technical Assistance Review**

- 2007: 83%
- 2008: 94%
- 2009:100%

#### **Cities Readiness Initiative Technical Assistance Review 2007**

- Baton Rouge: 12%
- New Orleans/ Metairie/Kenner: 1%

#### **2008**

- Region 1: 28%
- Region 2: 16%
- Region 3: 35%
- Region 9: 23%

#### **2009**

- Region 1: 88%
- Region 2: 88%
- Region 3: 97%
- Region 9: 83%

#### **Partners/Stakeholders:**

1. Over 523 Points of Dispensing Sites (These sites include schools, places of worship, prisons, colleges and universities, Indian reservations, military installations.)
2. 64 Parish Offices of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
3. Abbeville General Hospital
4. Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital
5. Acadia - St. Landry Hospital
6. Acadia Rehabilitation Hospital
7. Acadia Vermilion Hospital
8. Acadian Medical Center
9. Allegiance Health Center of Ruston, L.L.C.
10. Allen Parish Hospital
11. American Legion Hospital
12. Assoc. of State and Territorial Public Health Social Workers
13. Assumption Community Hospital
14. Avoyelles Hospital

15. Bastrop Rehabilitation Hospital
16. Baton Rouge General Medical Center - Bluebonnet
17. Baton Rouge General Medical Center - Mid City
18. Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital-Fort Polk
19. Beauregard Memorial Hospital
20. Behavioral Hospital of Baton Rouge
21. Behavioral Hospital of Shreveport
22. Benton Rehabilitation Hospital
23. Bethesda Rehabilitation Hospital
24. Bienville Medical Center
25. Bossier City Civic Center
26. Bossier Specialty Hospital
27. Brentwood Hospital
28. Bunkie General Hospital
29. Bureau of Emergency Medical Service
30. Bureau of Rural Health
31. Byrd Regional Hospital
32. Calcasieu Oaks Geriatric Psych
33. Calcasieu Parish Facility Building
34. Caldwell Memorial Hospital
35. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
36. Central Louisiana State Hospital
37. Century Tel Center
38. Children Special Health Services
39. Children's Hospital
40. Christus Coushatta Health Care Center
41. Christus Schumpert Bossier
42. Christus Schumpert Health System/St.
43. Christus Schumpert Highland
44. Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital
45. Christus St. Patrick Hospital of Lake Charles
46. Citizens Medical Center
47. Citizens of Louisiana
48. Citizens of Louisiana
49. Community Care Hospital
50. Community Rehab Hospital of Coushatta
51. Community Specialty Hospital
52. Compass Behavioral Center of Crowley
53. Comprehensive Public Training Program
54. Cornerstone Hospital at West Monroe
55. Cornerstone Hospital of Bossier City
56. Cornerstone Hospital of Southwest Louisiana
57. Coroners Office (Child Health Death Review Panel)
58. Council on Aging and Elderly Affairs

59. Crossroads Regional Hospital
60. Crowley Rehab Hospital, L.L.C
61. Cypress Psychiatric Hospital
62. Dauterive Hospital
63. Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH) Nursing Staff
64. Department of Social Services
65. Department of Transportation and Development
66. Department of Transportation and Development
67. DeQuincy Memorial Hospital
68. DeSoto Regional Health System
69. DHH Emergency Preparedness Staff
70. Doctors Hospital of Opelousas
71. Doctors Hospital of Shreveport, Inc.
72. Doctors Hospital of Slidell
73. Dubuis Hospital of Alexandria
74. Dubuis Hospital of Lake Charles
75. Dubuis Hospital of Shreveport
76. Early Child Support Services
77. Early Steps
78. East Carroll Parish Hospital
79. East Jefferson General Hospital
80. Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System
81. Eunice Extended Care Hospital
82. Evangeline Extended Care Hospital-Mamou
83. Extended Care of Southwest Louisiana
84. Fairway Medical Center
85. Faith Based Organizations
86. Families Helping Families
87. Federations of Families
88. Feliciana Forensic Facility
89. FEMA Emergency Management Institute
90. Franklin Foundation Hospital
91. Franklin Medical Center
92. Genesis Behavioral Hospital
93. Genesis Specialty Hospital
94. Genetics Program
95. Golden Age Senior Care Hospital
96. Governor Office on Poverty
97. Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
98. Governor's LA Interagency Council on Homelessness
99. Grambling School of Social Work
100. Greater Baton Rouge Surgical Hospital
101. Green Clinic Surgical Hospital
102. Greenbrier Hospital

103. Gulf States LTAC\* of Covington
104. Gulf States LTAC of Denham Springs
105. Gulf States LTAC of Feliciana
106. Gulf States LTAC of Hammond
107. Gulf States LTAC of Houma
108. Gulf States LTAC of Lafourche
109. Gulf States LTAC of Washington/St. Tammany (Bogalusa Campus)
110. Gulf States LTAC of Washington/St. Tammany (Slidell Campus)
111. Gulf States LTAC of New Orleans
112. Hardtner Medical Center
113. Health Paradigm Hospital
114. Healthsouth Rehabilitation of Alexandria
115. Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Baton Rouge
116. HealthSouth Specialty Hospital of North LA
117. Healthsouth Specialty Hospital of Winnfield
118. Heart Hospital of Lafayette
119. Home Health Nurses
120. Homer Memorial Hospital
121. Hood Memorial Hospital
122. IASIS Glenwood Regional Medical Center
123. Iberia Extended Care Hospital
124. Iberia Medical Center
125. Iberia Rehabilitation Hospital
126. Injury Prevention Program
127. Jackson Parish Hospital
128. Jennings American Legion Hospital
129. Jennings Senior Care Hospital
130. Juvenile Justice Coalition
131. Kindred Hospital - New Orleans
132. LA Suicide Prevention Task Force
133. LA Domestic Violence Coalition
134. LA Interagency Council Homelessness
135. LA Public Health Institute
136. LA Social Work Licensing Board
137. Lady of the Sea General Hospital
138. Lafayette General Medical Center
139. Lafayette General Surgical
140. Lafayette Physical Rehabilitation Hospital
141. Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital
142. Lake Charles Memorial Hospital
143. Lake Charles Memorial Hospital - Gauthier Campus
144. Lakeview Regional Medical Center
145. Lamar-Dixon Expo Center
146. Lane Memorial Hospital

147. LaPlace Rehabilitation Hospital
148. LaSalle General Hospital
149. Lead Program (DHH/OPH)
150. Leesville Rehab Hospital, LLC
151. Liberty HealthCare Systems
152. Liberty HealthCare Systems
153. LifeCare Hospital - Shreveport
154. Local EMS providers,
155. Local Law Enforcement
156. Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
157. Louisiana Extended Care Hospital of Lafayette
158. Louisiana Extended Care Hospital of Natchitoches
159. Louisiana Extended Care of West Monroe
160. Louisiana Heart Hospital
161. Louisiana Hospital Association
162. Louisiana National Guard
163. Louisiana DHH/Office of Public Health
164. Louisiana Sheriff's Association
165. Louisiana Speciality Hospital - East
166. Louisiana Speciality Hospital - West
167. Ochsner Medical Center-West Bank
168. Ochsner-St. Anne General Hospital
169. Office of Addictive Disorders (DHH)
170. Office of Developmental Disabilities (DHH)
171. Office of Mental Health (DHH)
172. Office of Public Health (DHH)
173. Omega Hospital
174. Opelousas General Hospital
175. Optima Specialty Hospital
176. Ouachita Surgical Hospital
177. Our Lady of Lourdes RMC
178. Our Lady of the Lake RMC
179. P & S Surgical Center
180. Park Place Surgery Center
181. Physicians Surgical Specialty Hospital
182. Pointe Coupee General Hospital
183. Premier Rehabilitation
184. Richardson Medical Center
185. Richland Parish Hospital - Delhi
186. Prevost Memorial Hospital
187. Promise Hospital @Ascension
188. Promise Specialty Hospital of BR @ BR General
189. Promise Specialty Hospital of BR @ Oschner
190. Promise Specialty Hospital of Miss-Lou



191. Promise Specialty Hospital of Shreveport
192. Psychiatric Pavilion New Orleans LLC
193. Rapides Parish Coliseum Authority
194. Rapides Regional Medical Center
195. Red River Behavioral Center LLC
196. Regency Hospital of Covington
197. Rehab Hospital of Dequincy
198. Rehabilitation Hospital of Jennings
199. River Oaks Child and Adolescent Hospital
200. River Oaks Hospital
201. River Parishes Hospital
202. River West Medical Center
203. Riverland Medical Center
204. Riverside Hospital of Louisiana, Inc
205. Riverside Medical Center
206. Sabine Medical Center
207. Safe Kids (DHH/OPH)
208. SAGE Rehabilitation Institute
209. Savoy Medical Center
210. School Based Health Clinics
211. School Nurses
212. Select Specialty Hospital
213. Shriners Hospitals for Children
214. SIDS Program (DHH/OPH)
215. Slidell Memorial Hospital
216. South Baton Rouge Rehabilitation Hospital
217. South Cameron Memorial Hospital
218. South Central Public Health Partnership
219. Southeast Louisiana Hospital
220. Southeast Regional Medical Center
221. Southern Surgical Hospital
222. Southern University School of Social Work
223. Southpark Community Hospital
224. Southwest Medical Center
225. Specialty Hospital of New Orleans
226. Springhill Medical Center
227. St. Anne Rehabilitation Hospital
228. St. Charles Parish Hospital
229. St. Elizabeth Hospital
230. St. Francis Medical Center
231. St. Francis North Hospital
232. St. Francis Specialty
233. St. Helena Parish Hospital
234. St. James Parish Hospital

- 235. St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital
- 236. St. Landry Extended Care Hospital, LLC
- 237. St. Luke's Rehabilitation Hosp of Shreveport
- 238. St. Luke's Specialty Hospital of Sunset
- 239. St. Martin Hospital
- 240. St. Patrick's Psychiatric Hospital
- 241. St. Tammany Parish Hospital
- 242. Sterlington Rehabilitation Hospital
- 243. Surgical Specialty Centre
- 244. Teche Regional Medical Center
- 245. Terminal Transfer & Storage Inc.
- 246. Terrebonne General Medical Center
- 247. The Neuro Medical Center Rehab Hospital
- 248. The NeuroMedical Center Hospital
- 249. Thibodaux Regional Medical Center
- 250. Touro Infirmary
- 251. Touro Rehabilitation Center
- 252. Tri - Ward General Hospital
- 253. Tri Parish Rehabilitation Hospital, LLC
- 254. Tulane University Hospital and Clinic
- 255. Tulane-Lakeside Hospital
- 256. Union General Hospital